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1. FOLLOWING STATISTICS RECEIVED FRM UNHCR IN RESPONSE
REFTEL.

"REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS IN THE CONTEXT OF UNHCR'S
STATUTE AND RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS RECEIVING
OR REQUIRING ASSISTANCE (COMPRISES MATERIAL AID BUT DOES
NOT INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION, AND LEGAL AID. RE-
FUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS DIRECTLY ASSISTED BY GOVERN-
MENTS OF COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM/RESETTLEMENT ARE NOT INCLUDED.)
FIGURES ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST 500 AND COUNTRIES WITH LESS
THAN 500 NOLISTED.

LOCATION (AS OF 30 JUNE 77)	NUMBER	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
ALGERIA	51,000	SAHRAWIS 50,000
	1,000	MOSTLY CHILE

(COMPRISING SOME 50,000 SHARAWIS ESTIMATED BY THE ALGERIAN
AUTHORITIES AND SOME 1,000 REFUGEES OF VARIOUS ORIGIN,
MAINLY LATIN AMERICAN.)

ANGOLA	740,000	ANGOLA 700,000
		ZAIRE 35,000
		NAMIBIA 5,000

(INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS AS KNOWN AT THE
TIME WHEN THE SPECIAL ASISTANCE PROGRAM WAS STARTED.)

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ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT	2,000	VARIOUS AFRICAN
ARGENTINA	13,000	CHILE, URUGUAY, VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN
AUSTRIA	1,500	VIETNAM, VARIOUS EAST EUROPEAN
BELGIUM	900	VIETNAM, CHILE
BOTSWANA, LESOTHO,		

SWAZILAND 3,400 NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICAN
ZIMBABWE
BRAZIL 5,000 VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN
BURUNDI 15,000 RWANDA
CAMEROON 25,000 EQUATORIAL GUINEA
CHILE 3,000 LATIN AMERICAN INCLUDING
FAMILY REUNION CASES
COLOMBIA 500 VARIOUS LATIN AMERICAN
CYPRUS 200,000 CYPRUS (INTERNALLY
DISPLACED
DJIBOUTI, REPUBLIC OF 4,00 ETHIOPIA, SOMALIA
AND OTHERS
ETHIOPIA 5,700 SUDAN
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY 6,000 VIETNAM 1,000; CHILE,
VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN
MIDDLE EAST, 5,000
FRANCE 20,000 KAMPUCHEA, LAOS, VIETNAM
GREECE 1,500 MAINLY EUROPEAN ORIGIN
GUINEA-BISSAU 100,000 GUINEA-BISSAU (INTERNALLY
DISPLACED)
(INCLUDING NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS AS KNOWN AT THE
TIME WHEN THE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAS STARTED.)
ITALY 2,000 CHILE, ETHIOPIA, AND
OTHER AFRICAN AND
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

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KENYA 3,000 MOSTLY UGANDA AND
ETHIOPIA
LAOS, P.D.R. 450,000 LAOS (INTERNALLY
DISPLACED)
(RELATES PRIMARILY TO DISPLACED PERSONS WITHIN VIETNAM AND LAOS).
LEBANON 700,000 LEBANON (INTERNALLY DIS-
PLACED, ARMENIANS & SOME
ASSYRIANS
MALAYSIA 95,000 PHILIPPINES, 92,000;
KAMPUCHEA 1,500;
VIETNAM 1,500
MEXICO 500 LATIN AMERICAN
MOZAMBIQUE 1,035,000 MOZAMBIQUE 1,000,000;
ZIMBABWE 35,000
(INCLUDING NUMBER OF DISPLACED PERSONS AS KNOWN AT
THE TIME WHEN THE SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WAS
STARTED.)
PARAGUAY 500 MOSTLY CHILE (INTERNALLY
DISPLACED)
PERU 500 MOSTLY CHILE
PHILIPPINES 700 VIETNAM
ROMANIA 1,000 CHILE

RWANDA 500 BURUNDI
SENEGAL 37,000 GUINEA-BISSAU
(INCLUDING FORMER REFUGEES WHO HAVE NOT YET REPATRIATED
TO GUINEA-BISSAU)
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
VIETNAM 2,500,000 VIETNAM (INTERNALLY
DISPLACED), SMALL
GROUPS OF VARIOUS
ALIENS

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(RELATES PRIMARILY TO DISPLACED PERSONS WITHIN VIETNAM
AND LAOS)

SPAIN 3,500 CUBA; CARIBBEAN AREA
SUDAN 50,000 ETHIOPIA
THAILAND 86,000 LAOS 69,000; KAMPUCHEA
13,500; VIETNAM 3,500
TURKEY 500 EASTERN EUROPE
UGANDA 500 ETHIOPIA, RWANDA
UNITED REPUBLIC OF
TANZANIA 126,000 BURUNDI
URUGUAY 500 OLD EUROPEAN GROUP, FEW
LATIN AMERICAN

VENEZUELA 500 OLD EUROPEAN GROUP,
FEW LATIN MAERICA
ZAIRE, REPUBLIC OF 500,000 ANGOLA 471,000; BURUNDI
18,000; NAMIBIA 5,000;
OTHER AFRICAN
ZAMBIA 41,000 ANGOLA 28,000; NAMIBIA
3,500;-SOUTH AFRICA
500; ZIMBABWE 9,000

OTHER COUNTRIES IN
AFRICA 50,000 VARIOUS
(MAINLY IN COUNTRIES ADJACENT TO EQUATORIAL GUINEA)

OTHER COUNTRIES IN
WESTERN ASIA 30,000 VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN
MIDDLE EAST
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OTHER COUNTRIES IN
EASTERN ASIA 1,400 VIETNAM
(RELATES TO "BOAT PEOPLE" WHOSE NUMBERS CHANGE FROM
DAY TO DAY.

2. UNHCR OFFERS FOLLOWING EXPLANATION FOR ABOVE STATISTICS:
QUOTE:

"IT WAS FELT THAT FOR UNHCR TO GIVE STATISTICS RELATED ONLY TO "REFUGEES" WOULD GIVEN AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE OF UNHCR'S ACTIVITIES. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S COMPETENCE, AS DEFINED BY THE RELEVANT GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, EXTENDS IN THE CONTEXT OF MAN-MADE DISASTERS, TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS. THE UNHCR CASELOAD INDICATED IN THE ENCLOSED TABLE, THEREFORE, COMPRISES BOTH THESE CATEGORIES OF PERSONS. THIS EXPLAINS THE USE OF THE PHRASE "OF CERN TO UNHCR."

"I SHOULD ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE PHRASE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CABLE "NOT YET FIRMLY RESETTLED" HAS BEEN INTERPRETED AS RELATING TO THE CASE LOAD RECEIVING OR REQUIRING MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. "RESETTLED" IN UNHCR TERMINOLOGY REFERS TO "RESETTLEMENT IN THIRD COUNTRIES". HOWEVER, WE HAVE INTERPRETED THE PHRASE TO INCLUDE NOT ONLY THOSE NOT YET FIRMLY "QETTED" IIN COUNTRIES OF ASYLUM OR IN THEIR PRESENT LOCATTIONS BECAUSE THEHAVE YET TO REACH A MEASURE OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY, BUT ALSO THOSE "RESETTLED" IN THIRD COUNTRIES FOR WHOM ASSISTANCE IS BEING GIVEN OR IS STILL REQUIRED FOR THE SAME REASON.

"FINALLY, AS INDICATED IN THE FOOTNOTES, NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST ARE COUNTRIES WHERE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS ARE DIRECTLY ASSISTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS AND AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, OR COUNTRIES WHERE THE CASELOAD COMPRISES LESS THAN 500 PERSONS. MOREOVER, NOT INCLUDED IN THE CASELOAD ARE THOSE REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS BENEFITING FROM,
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OR REQUIRING, UNHCR ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION, INCLUDING LEGAL AID, ALTHOUGH THIS CATEGORY, IN LINE WITH UNHCR'S FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN WITH INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION, CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN UNHCR'S OVER-ALL ACTIVITIES." END QUOTE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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